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## HITLER DEMANDS PEACE TO FINISH CONQUEST OF CENTRAL EUROPE

### REAL PEACE IS POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH REVOLUTIONARY OVERTHROW OF CAPITALISM

#### «Neutrality» --- Battle of Two Profit Groups

October 3 — Neutrality for the United States today hides the same aggressive action that "disarmament" hid yesterday. Neutrality is a cloak suitable for a powerful nation, not directly involved in the immediate objective of the war, but a nation which is compelled to intervene before the final redivision takes place.

Consider the four "neutral" powers and their role of neutrality. Japanese "neutrality" is an attempt to consolidate her position in Asia before the other imperialists decide who is "master" of Europe. When these European powers are ready for the next stage (the redivision of Asia) Japan hopes to be firmly entrenched.

Italian "neutrality" is an attempt to obtain a key position in the European balance of power, to avoid the second-fiddle place, and to dictate the "peace" of Europe when the others are exhausted.

Soviet "neutrality" with Stalin's landgrabbing acts, and his pact with Hitler are not a sign of strength, but of weakness. Hitler has not made peace with Communism. Hitler continues his struggle as expressed in "Mein Kampf" against Communism. Hitler knows that Stalinism does not represent Communism; that Stalinism is an agent of the imperialists against the INTERESTS of the Soviet Union and the world workers. Hitler is using Stalinism to bore from within to complete the counter-revolution against October. Stalin's neutrality in this light reveals a form of war-partner to Hitlerism, in a last desperate attempt to save the Stalinist hide.

And now the "neutrality" of the United States. It is only one of the powers claiming to be neutral. Many sincere workers believe that "neutrality" is the correct policy and therefore they follow one or the other group in their special brand of American neutrality. American "neutrality" with its cash and carry plan is an attempt to drive out and steal the world markets (while the others are busy), to make profits out of war, to supplement its present powerful economic position with its political counterpart, that is, world domination, with the American Dollar and its gold as the international medium of exchange.

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There is a lull in the European war, tightening of military and other alliances, a girding for greater conflicts. Britain is being confronted with a "peace move" on the part of German imperialism and its Stalinist and Italian allies.

England maintains that it has taken up arms to crush Hitlerism forever. Both the "peace" moves and this British excuse for continuing the war are just propaganda. Unless the English war-mongering capitalists took such a position, they could offer no excuse for continuing the war, now that Poland is "pacified." The Anglo-French imperialists coddled Hitler for years, they aided him to take power, because the sole alternative in 1933 was the social revolution, which directly threatened the capitalist class.

The "peace" offer of Hitler is merely a gesture for world consumption and an attempt to consolidate Germany's present allies, to stop Britain from maintaining its alliances with such countries as Turkey and Rumania, and to place the war blame on Britain.

#### STALINIST ALLIES OF FASCISM

The role of Stalin in the conquest of Poland and the "peace" offer is a 100% sell-out of workers' interests. In 1918 Lenin and Trotsky offered Germany peace on the basis of a renunciation of all conquests, of granting the peoples of central Europe the right to determine their own state structure and rule without the aid of Prussian bayonets.

Stalin today, however, offers "peace" on the basis of recognizing imperialist conquest, of flouting the right of the Polish people to determine their own form of rule. Stalin participates as an agent for German Fascism.

Even though Hitler will probably offer to re-establish a puppet Polish state about one-third the size of former Poland, it is almost excluded that England and France will accept this offer. The British know full well that

"peace" now merely means an opportunity for Hitler to consolidate his gains — to "peacefully" take over what remains of the rest of Central Europe.

One possibility of a counter "peace" offer is that Britain would demand definite assurances of Germany's adherence to a four power bloc in Europe directed against the Soviet Union and the United States.

#### NO PEACE UNDER CAPITALISM

The masses of Europe have not yet raised their own voice. Only in isolated spots do we hear of workers' protest: of fraternization on the Western Front, of growing resentment in the French and German munition factories, where the 72 hour week is the

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#### Panama Meet Tightens U.S. Grip on Americas

##### Fear of World Revolt Forcing U.S. to War Despite Trade Gains by Peace

While England and Germany are busy fighting it out in Europe, Uncle Sam has organized a conference in Panama to devise certain methods for taking away what remain of British trade and interests and for demolishing completely German trade in this hemisphere.

Summer Welles, the brains behind the butcher Machado in Cuba a few years ago and now Undersecretary of State, leads the American delegation to the American vassal state, Panama. The program of the American capitalists consists of:

1 — Loans by the United States to all the Latin-American countries so they can buy from and sell to Uncle Sam, especially Argentina, which has lost a very large section of its export trade due to Germany's inability to transport goods from Argentina to the Baltic — an attempt to wean Argentina from British domination.

2 — Joint political and military action of the Latin American countries under U. S. control — such measures as limiting the number of ships of the warring nations to be permitted in any

port, limiting the activity of foreign vessels at a distance of 300 miles from shore, etc.

The Wall Street Journal of September 29 speaks of "the expectation in official circles of a considerable expansion in two-way trade between the U. S. and Latin America as a result of the war."

#### WAR BY JANUARY

In view of the golden days that are descending on Wall Street not only in the prospect of big profits in Latin America, but in Asia and in trade to Europe as well it may seem difficult to explain the September 16th Kiplinger Letter, an authoritative bourgeois source, which says that "Very High Officials" in Washington are predicting U. S. entry into the war by not later than January 1940.

The interest of the American capitalists is to stay out of the war as long as possible and continue reaping these enormous super-profits.

However, a number of dangers face Uncle Sam in the present war crisis, which demand immediate attention.

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# STOP USING THE RED ARMY TO AID THE NAZIS AND OTHER IMPERIALISTS

## LAND OF THE FREE

### CIVILIZATION — 1939 MODEL

It costs \$12 a week to hire a work horse in Baltimore.

In the same city, however, you can hire a man for a 44 hour week for one dollar a week less — \$11.

### IMPARTIAL JUSTICE

In Southern Indiana a union man held on a minor charge had to put up \$500 bond to be released; but a scab who had shot and killed a picket was bailed out on only \$200.

### THE FRUITS OF THE EARTH

Three hundred and sixty five corporations made three hundred and ninety-seven millions in the first half of 1939 just double the profits made in the last 6 months of 1938. WPA Officials in Washington state that of those people forced off relief rolls only 10% find any jobs. The average pay for those finding work this way is \$2.95 a week. Families on relief in Washington County Missouri are forced to LIVE on \$4 a month. The various residences of the DuPont family have an estimated worth of \$150,000,000 — about 40 times the monthly allotment for relief for 100,000 families in Chicago. A Brooklyn firm paid its workers from four to eleven cents an hour.

### NO CENSORSHIP?

If there's no censorship in the United States then whatever did happen to the follow up stories on the McKesson Robbins swindle of a few months ago? Can it be that Wall Street silenced the story?

### THE TWO-EDGED LAW

Congressman Howard W. Smith, a Virginia democrat told mill owners of his state to disregard the wage-hour law and continue paying wages of ten to fifteen cents an hour... "I feel quite confident", said Mr. Smith, "that they will incur no penalty by so doing."

### HOW TO SOLVE THE DEPRESSION

They've got a new method out in Gary Indiana. Amid much huzzahs and photograph taking, Gary officials handed out their first scavenger licences to people rummaging for food and clothing in the garbage cans. This is supposed to partly solve the relief problem. Those getting the licences must promise to put all garbage they don't need back neatly in the can. We suggest the Gary officials as first candidates.

## JUST OUT INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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The Red Army has marched into Poland. Those people who are today calling on the workers to die for "democratic" Britain and France, adduce from this fact that Russia is an imperialist, even a Fascist state. They meet on common ground with the ultra-lefts on this point.

But the thing isn't really so simple. It isn't settled by such criterions as "whose army marched first", or "who is using force." The Red Army, is not an ornament. It was built to help extend the October Revolution and to defend what has already been gained.

In 1919 the Red Army tried unsuccessfully to crash through Rumania in order to help the shortlived Workers State in Hungary. In 1920 the Red Army marched into Poland to help extend the revolution there. A few years later the Red Army aided in taking back the Chinese Eastern Railway for the Russian workers.

The difference between a Red Army and a bourgeois army is not that one marches and the other doesn't. The difference is that the capitalist armies march because their economy is breaking down, because they must have new markets and new spheres of influence or else they crumble; while the Red Army marches in order to extend the area of Workers Rule.

The German army today is marching because German economy is bankrupt. The British army marches to defend its plunders and robberies of the last war. But the Workers State does not need any plunder. Its economy, far from breaking down (as is the case everywhere else in the world) is making progress DESPITE STALINISM.

### PLANNED ECONOMY MAKES PROGRESS

Here are a few figures that will throw some light on the question.

According to the League of Nations, U. S. production decreased by 12% from 1929 to 1936; German production increased by 6% in this period; British production by 16%; Japanese production, because of the war in China, increased by 51%; BUT SOVIET PRODUCTION INCREASED BY 282%. American capitalism retired one factory after another in this period, but Soviet Economy added 88 billion rubles of capital, of new factories and plants.

Soviet economy is not capitalist economy; it has different property relations which remain in spite of Stalinism. Planned production, once the capitalists are expropriated, is infinitely superior to the anarchistic production of capitalism in the U. S., Germany, or anywhere else. In 10 years of world depression the Soviet Union increased its production of iron and steel by 4½ times; of oil and gas by 3½ times; of electric by 7 times; of coal by 4 times; of copper by 5 times. It increased the number of pupils in schools by 4 times, in universities by 8 times. It increased the number of newspapers by 10 times. Compare this, for instance, with the lowered budgets for schooling in every capitalist country of the world.

No, the Red Army is not marching for profit and plunder.

### DEAL WITH FASCISM A TEMPORARY RESPITE

Is the Red Army marching, then, in order to help the World Revolution? No, that is the tragedy. Under Stalinism the Red Army is used (just like the "Communist" Parties everywhere) merely to defend the interests of the Stalin bureaucracy.

The Soviet Union can be defended ONLY by the extension of the revolution to other countries. But Stalinism has long ago given up this policy and has undermined the whole structure of the Soviet Union so that today it is on the brink of capitalist restoration. Instead of the working class as allies, it has attempted to use one capitalist group against another, thus trying to keep itself in power, keep itself from being attacked and smashed by world imperialism just a little longer.

The Nazi-Stalin Pact is only a continuation of the Franco-Soviet Pact.

### OUT OF ONE CAPITALIST CAMP INTO ANOTHER

The Franco-Soviet Pact involved giving up the revolutionary struggle in the "democratic" countries; coming

out for joining the capitalist armies, for support of "democracy" against "fascism," for pledges to fight for the "defenders" against the "aggressors." After five years of desperation, however, Stalinism has not found the necessary support from the "democracies." The Fascist menace is at its throat and threatens to take Ukraine and other sections away from it.

Stalinism, therefore, makes a last desperate attempt to stave off the blow. It capitulates to Hitler today, just as it capitulated to France yesterday. In return for a short respite, it aids the Fascist war plans, it helps the overrunning of Poland; it gives up every semblance of agitation against both war and Fascism.

Shall we fight, then for the defeat of the Red Army, just as we work for the defeat of all capitalist armies on both sides of the war front? No, the Soviet Union and Stalinism are not one and the same, any more than a bureaucratic trade union leadership is the same as the union itself.

As revolutionists we must continue to defend the property relations in the Soviet Union at the same time that we fight Stalinism. We must work not to destroy the Red Army but to strengthen it; to eliminate the Stalinist leadership and to reestablish Workers Democracy.

The new territory in Soviet hands is quite a problem. If Stalin attempts to widely expropriate the capitalists of the territory taken over, he comes into conflict with his Fascist ally and the capitalist elements within Russia. If he does not establish socialist property relations the new territory will be used as a base to re-establish capitalism throughout the Soviet Union. Either way, the new territory will increase the internal antagonisms in the Soviets.

Shall the workers and peasants in Poland attempt to oust the Soviet rule? We think that would be wrong. Just like the workers in the rest of the Soviet Union they must work now for a political revolution against Stalinism to re-establish Workers Democracy, to oust Stalinism, and to extend the revolution to the rest of Central and Western Europe.

### CONDEMN INVASION AS FASCIST ALLY

We condemn the Red Army invasion AS AN ALLY OF FASCISM. We condemn the Stalinist failure to call on the workers and peasants of Poland to throw off the yoke of conquering German imperialism. We condemn the capitulation by Stalin by which he aided Hitler to take the decisive sections of Poland.

But now that the territory is conquered, revolutionists must fight for the establishment of socialist property relations and genuine Workers Democracy in the Soviet section of Poland,

as a part of the program to carry through a political revolution to overthrow Stalinism and other similar agents of the imperialists.

For this, of course, as for every other progressive step, a new Communist Party, a New Communist (4) International is needed.

The Editorial Board

(Note:—A series of documents on the Russian question appear in the October issue of INTERNATIONAL NEWS, organ of the International Contact Commission. An answer to Leon Trotsky's criticism of the RWL position on Ukraine will appear in the November issue of the same magazine.)

## UNITED FRONT ANTI -- WAR MEETINGS

A United Front committee in Chicago, composed of 7 organizations held two protest meetings against the Roosevelt War plans on September 30th at Newberry Square and on October 1st at Lincoln Center.

Organizations included in the United Front were: Chicago Wor-

kers Security Federation, an unemployed organization; Revolt Group, the Marxian Labor College, Socialist Union Party, the Plebian Forum, Communist Workers Group, and the Revolutionary Workers League.

The failure of the Trotskyites, Socialists, and Anarchist to participate in the United Front against imperialist war seriously limited the activity of the United Front. Nevertheless 20,000 leaflets advertising the meeting were distributed and, considering the weather, a fair attendance showed up at both meetings.

## EDITORIALS

### “NEUTRALITY” --- A BATTLE OF TWO PROFIT GROUPS

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#### REPEAL THE ARMS EMBARGO

The struggle among the capitalist factions over what form of neutrality is an important aspect of the whole question of war. What is behind the struggle? Neutrality? No. Will either form of neutrality keep America out of war? No. Neutrality and “Keep America out of War” are the smokescreens for public consumption, just as red-baiting and patriotism are smokescreens to cover up profiteering.

“Neutrality” for Uncle Sam means profits. How much profits can America get out of the war and WHO in the United States will get the most of these profits. That is the key to the key to the understanding of the “arms embargo” fight.

The only issue is whether the government will permit sale of munitions, airplanes, etc. to the warring powers. Everyone is agreed on the proposals that the belligerents must pay cash or 90 day credit and carry the supplies away in their own ships. The present law could be amended to include this point. But that would not satisfy the munitions and heavy industry men, who are threatening to move their munitions plants to Canada.

At present the law favors the financiers of light industry and the manufacturers of consumers goods. The present measure has the support of large layers of the middle class and the working class who sincerely don't want war, but who follow muddle-headed leaders who don't know how to fight against war. The present law discriminates against the major section of the heavy industry and the war industries.

#### THE ROOSEVELT POLICY

Roosevelt rode into power on the forces that represent the present law, the light industries and those that supply the consumer. But conditions have changed and Roosevelt with them. A national emergency, either from the proletarian revolution or from the imperialist war, demands of the executive committee of the capitalists greater unity AGAINST the common enemy—in this case, the war. At the same time the profits are more plentiful and there is room in the trough for all the pigs. The less profits the more friction within the nation among the exploiters.

The national needs of the capitalist class as a whole and the greater profits have brought about a temporary “national” understanding of the Roosevelt — Rockefeller crowd and the Morgan-Landon crowd. It has brought together old-line Democrats and New Deal Democrats. But those sections of both parties that represent the financiers of light industry, consumers goods, etc. that is, those that will not profit directly by sale of war material, have united to fight the Roosevelt-Landon bloc.

#### BUT THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

The repeal of the arms embargo not only opens the door for the war industries and heavy industries, but at the same time keeps the door open for the light industries. The opposition however, fears that once the financiers of heavy industry get in the profits their power will be so strong that they will take over ALL power and kick out the other groups. The Morgan control of the war Board industry and the Roosevelt “dismissal” of the Board (for the time being) reveals one aspect of the Morgan-Rockefeller struggle behind the scenes.

There are exceptions to the rule. Ford, Weir, etc. reveal this. Also Rockefeller with his oil. They can sneak through the present laws. But this group has stakes in other fields of investments and hope to keep the upper hand. Ford, fighting the Morgan crowd has his own axe to grind. His main investments in the United States do not come under war industries, even though he deals in steel, coal, and heavy industry. Ford's Canadian manager has been placed in charge of the Canadian war board. Ford can sell war supplies thru his Canadian firms. If the

Morgan crowd is stopped from selling munitions in the U. S., it will be a big boom to Ford's Canadian industry.

Roosevelt informed the British Ambassador that it would be wise not to allow Morgan to represent the British government. But Britain appointed Morgan as the representative, nevertheless. So the fight, behind the curtain for profits and for domination continues under the cloak of neutrality.

The workers answer to the “neutrality fight” and the “Vote on war” is the INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION. Peace in an imperialist war can be gained only on the basis of the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism.

### UNCLE SAM AND JOHN BULL --- GREATEST IMPERIALIST ENEMIES

That Uncle Sam will enter the war goes almost without saying. American Imperialism has been and is a driving force for the war while her economic might enables the United States to cover her war moves with talk of “peace,” the United States also feels the pressing need for spheres of influence, markets, new sources for raw materials, for investment of capital. These must be wrested from the imperialists who have them today — and primarily from that other titan — British imperialism. Of all the conflicts, rivalries and struggles among the imperialist powers since the last war, the primary struggle has been that between American imperialism and British imperialism. The struggle for world mastery is between these two.

It is, we may note, only on the basis of this conflict that we can explain the rise and gains of such countries as Italy, Germany and Japan. By successfully taking advantage of this Anglo-American antagonism, by playing one against the other, these lesser powers have made gains at the expense of both.

The struggle for mastery between Britain and America has penetrated every sphere of the globe. It has taken various forms: economic (oil in Venezuela, U. S. S. R., nickel in Canada); financial, (struggle of the dollar versus the pound in China for instance); political, (sanctions against Italy which U. S. sabotaged, struggles in China) and even military (Bolivia-Paraguay where the two big powers each supported openly one of these two small powers). It is expressed and lies at the bottom of the imperialist antagonism in the present war.

#### MAY FIGHT ON SAME SIDE

It would be false to attempt to mechanically deduce from this exactly in what manner the U. S. will enter the imperialist war. Many possible variants lie open as to the immediate course which American imperialism may take. Some of these forms may be: a new “Munich” now that Germany has Poland, and a new lineup of forces; a world imperialist attack on the Soviet Union, with the U. S. on the “same side” as Britain but using the situation to undermine Britain at the same time; the United States entering the war as the open direct enemy of England, etc., etc.

American imperialism has prepared the basis for many variants. At the present moment indication are that the major variant is that the U. S. will ENTER on the side of Britain, not to help Britain but to fight for American interests. The major weight of American's propaganda drive is in this direction; the growing support for repeal of the arms embargo indicates the same thing.

Regardless of the FORM the U. S. participation in the war takes, the conflict with British interests will continue and be intensified.

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### Workers' Meetings Being Outlawed In Philadelphia

We are informed by our Philadelphia comrades that a new police ruling in that town states that “radical” meetings can be held only after the police are notified of the time and place, name of organization and speaker as well as the subject.

The police then send down representatives to “keep order” and to take notes. This is called by the Philadelphia authorities a precautionary measure, “in view of the war crisis.”

The cops even went down to the IWW hall and told the Wobblies that this ruling applies even to membership meetings!

Needless to say this shining example of Americanism will soon find its way to such good democrats as Mayor Hague of Jersey City; Mayor LaGuardia of N. Y., who already has practically outlawed picketing and demonstrations; and dozens of others.

### “Neutral” Belgium Arrests Revolutionists

We learn from comrades in Belgium that Walter Dauge, Trotskyist leader and G. Vereecken, leader of a Trotskyist split-off, have been arrested by the “neutral” Belgium police. The whole revolutionary movement in Belgium is being forced underground.

A few weeks ago comrades of the German Red Front, the German section of the International Contact Commission, were arrested in a Scandinavian country at the behest of the German Secret Police, and deported.

For all practical purposes the whole revolutionary movement in Europe is today illegal.

Comrade Dauge was arrested with a number of papers and addresses that implicated other people, who were also arrested. Dauge as the leader of the Belgium Trotskyists has consistently fought against a left wing group within the Trotsky organization which proposed a Marxian policy of revolutionary defeatism and certain important changes of structure of the outfit in order to meet the new needs of the imperialist war. His careless disregard of these points has unfortunately caused the arrest of others.

The revolutionary movement everywhere must come to the defense of all these comrades.

#### PARDON!

The statement that Maurice Cachin had quit the French Communist Party in a recent issue of this paper was an error. Someone with a similar name had been mentioned in the bourgeois press.

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# DEFEND CLASS WAR VICTIMS OF NEW WAR TERROR

# 4 Years of R.W.L.

HUGO OEHLER, NATIONAL SECRETARY

Our League celebrates this month four years of existence — just one month after the new imperialist war broke out in Europe. In this period the League has held high the banner of Marxism, not only in the U. S., but on a world scale.

We have stood the test during four years of disintegration. We correctly predicted the liquidation of the Trotskyites, from whom we split, into the Socialist Party and the watering down of their program far to the right after their expulsion from the SP. On the basis of a Marxian program in this period we were able to foretell the development of the CIO, the seizure of Czechoslovakia, the Stalin-Hitler Pact, the course of events and the role of all parties in Spain, the development of the New Deal, and many, many other important events.

To the limit of our small forces and on the basis of an anti-capitalist program we have participated in the large important events of this period, in the Spanish Civil War, the great anti-strikes, the unemployed movement, the class struggle in Mexico, and many others.

## FORM INTERNATIONAL GROUPING

After two unsuccessful attempts to organize an international grouping of our tendency — in 1935, and again during the Civil War in Spain — we were finally able, together with comrades in several European countries to participate in the founding of the International Contact Commission.

Our small cadres understood long ago what it means to function in a period of imperialist war and have prepared our forces for our role in the class struggle in this period. Above all our group is one of the few on a world scale that adheres to the Lenin position on revolutionary defeatism. We have especially fought against the centrist position that gives lip service to this principled question while giving active service to the Lulow amendment and other capitalist illusions.

Upon this firm basis the League is moving forward. We are exerting every possible means to drive out into greater work among the masses.

We have increased our propaganda material. We have stabilized our press. We are proceeding now to the twice a month FIGHTING WORKER. We have increased our striking power.

The road is not easy. The fight against capitalism includes not only the struggle against the bourgeois regime, but against the reformist traitors and centrist confusionists as well. But we have faith in our program and cadres, in the intrinsic strength of the working class.

"Have the will to build a Party and the oppressed of the earth will flock to you."

**FOR A NEW COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE U. S.  
FOR A NEW COMMUNIST (4th)  
INTERNATIONAL.**

## WAR BOOM TO U.S. TRADE

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The first danger which Roosevelt is aware of is the danger that if the war is prolonged a revolution of the working class will break out throughout the whole world, upsetting the whole apparatus of the imperialists.

### WAR AND REVOLUTION

The trade interests of Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rockefeller may best be favored if there is a war in Europe of two equally matched groups lasting a long enough time for the U. S. to steal the markets of all the belligerents. But, unfortunately the antagonism between imperialist war profits and proletarian revolution is beyond their control.

Every capitalist nation today is clouding its diplomacy and secret treaties in such talk as "democracy", "self-determination," etc. Actually, however, every nation is giving many other nations certain pledges and promises: "If you go in on our side this is what you will get after the war, so many colonies in Africa, so much land in Europe, etc."

Uncle Sam, too, is participating in all these pledges and talks. He can't afford to be left out. If British is able to make a secret

deal with Germany (and don't think that isn't being discussed at this very moment between emissaries of both powers) to establish a four power bloc in Europe directed against the Soviet Union and Uncle Sam, that will leave the U. S. out in the cold when the world is again redivided after the next war.

On the other hand there is a danger of a four power bloc between Germany, Italy, Japan, and the Soviet Union as a tail, that will be from a geographical point of view almost impregnable, that will take years and years to conquer, if at all. This, too, would be a great danger to the Morgan, Rockefeller, Ford and Mellon interests.

### CAN'T STAY OUT.

We present these two possible variants to reveal the real driving force that will bring the United States into the war very soon. All imperialists desire to make profits without war. But wars under capitalism are as inevitable as crises, no matter how much the able capitalist statesmen try to avoid them.

In the case of the American imperialists, no matter how much she tries to avoid war, she must protect her imperialist interests

## LABOR MARTYR TURNS LABOR SKATE

Twenty-two years ago the militant demonstrations by the Russian working class and the American workers saved Tom Mooney from death and forced President Wilson to commute his sentence. In his maiden debut last month in Chicago as a speaker after his recent pardon, Mooney seemed to have forgotten all these things; forgotten the whole class struggle. A disappointing crowd of only 6,000 to 8,000 sat quietly and without enthusiasm through the talk.

Reams of praise rolled from Mooney's lips for such labor fakers as Fitzpatrick, for bourgeois "liberals" like Roosevelt and Governor Olson, but not one mention of the need for independent working class action.

In the present war crisis Mooney called for support of Roosevelt's war plans and against those of Hitler and Mussolini.

### FORGETS BILLINGS

All the talk about devoting the rest of his life to freeing his partner, Billings, who was framed-up together with him 22 years ago, seem to have been forgotten. Mooney didn't have a single word to say about Billings; he didn't make a single appeal for funds or aid in his defense.

The labor movement should be gratified that by its efforts it has been able to free this labor martyr. But Mooney himself must be denounced as a reformist, a traitor to labor's ranks.

## COWAN ON COAST TO BUILD NEW UNEMPLOYED MOVEMENT

The tour of comrade C. B. Cowan of the Cleveland Association of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief is meeting with excellent results. Together with a number of organizations in Washington, Colorado, Oregon, California, and certain mid-west groups, plans are being perfected for a national conference to launch a new organization of unemployed on a class struggle program.

Successful meetings were organized for Cowan by the National Project Workers Union in Seattle and other organization.

### SYMPATHIZERS HOLD FORUMS

The Current Events Circle in Chicago, a group of sympathizers of the Revolutionary Workers League, is beginning its fall program of classes and forums. For details, please write to Karl Heller c/o Demos Press, 1904 Division St.

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(or face economic decay and revolution at home). Any attempt to consummate a powerful imperialist bloc which of and by itself will decide how the world is to be redivided is a mortal enemy of American imperialist interest. America is doing everything possible to have the last word in how the world will be divided.

Yesterday she was able to decide this by economic pressure. Today this is no longer possible. She will only be able to decide how the world will be redivided by busting up powerful groups against her, and throwing her weight on the side where she will obtain the most. This objective condition of imperialist war in DECAY CAPITALISM, and the danger of a proletarian revolution will force her into the military conflict.

# Legion Convenes Annual Red-bait

Representatives of one million members of the American Legion met in Chicago during the week of September 25th, spent twelve million American dollars, and shouted themselves red in the face against "Communism and Communists."

The character of the Legion is perhaps best typified by the men who addressed it and gave it their support, men like union-hater Henry Ford, spokesmen for Willie Hears t, a Brigadier-General of the army and others of this type. The convention was far to the right even of the New Deal. It is significant that not a single important New Deal spokesman was present.

Resolutions passed called for preparedness — a big army and navy, in other words; for deportation of aliens; for fingerprinting all foreign born workers and for

cing them to carry cards of identification; for outlawing the Communist Party and "similar organizations"; etc. etc.

### MANY PRO-LABOR

Perhaps the most vicious attack on labor was made by Thomas McManus, of Bakersfield, California, who is on the Americanism Committee of the Legion. Mr. McManus is a spokesman for California's large land-holders who, under the smoke-screen of fighting Communism, starve and murder the migratory workers of California.

Thousands of rank and file Legionnaires at the Convention were pro-labor, good solid union men. Many fights occurred among Legionnaires over passing through picket lines in three restaurants being picketed by the AFL. Unfortunately, however, these Legionnaires were little represented and played no role in the convention.

## ISSUE STILL WAR OR REVOLUTION 22 YEARS AFTER OCTOBER; R.W.L. PUSHES CAMPAIGN, MEETINGS

November 7th, 22nd Anniversary of the first successful revolution of the working class is approaching. Twenty-two years ago the Russian Revolution put a giant barrier in the way of the First World War. Two months after the revolution enormous strikes broke out in Germany and Austria. Ludendorff advised the German Staff and the Kaiser to sue for peace.

Not the military defeats of Germany stopped the war. Not the "glorious" victories of the American army. Just the threat of the extension of the October Revolution.

The failure of the German, Austrian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Esthonian, Finnish, Chinese, British and French workers to seize and hold power in the revolutions that followed the October Revolution has made possible the new

imperialist war, has permitted the capitalists of the world to make another desperate attempt to save their dying system.

### POINT THE WAY

November 7th, 1939 must be celebrated as a beacon lighting the way for the future. In the midst of the 2nd World War, the oppressed masses of the world can turn back to the big event of the last World War, the Workers Revolution in Russia, and see before them a pattern for ending the present war.

The Revolutionary Workers League is holding meetings in a dozen cities to celebrate the successful revolution 22 years ago and to point out its lessons for the present period. Dates and places will be announced in the next FIGHTING WORKER. Every comrade and friend who is interested should get in touch with local comrades.

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## "PEACE" TALK

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rule, of Czech and Austrian passive resistance to German domination.

The talk about "peace" is a mockery. There never has been peace since the opening gun of 1914. The Versailles Treaty was only an imperialist robber truce in the mighty struggle for the domination of the world and its markets. The truce is now ended — the war goes on.

Even if a German "peace" offer were accepted, it would only mean a new short lull (such as the one that followed Munich) to be followed later by a much sharper war.

Real peace is possible only on the basis of a revolutionary war by the working class against capitalism — "democratic" and Fascist both.

### AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

"When a nation mobilizes for war, the first group to be mobilized is the nation's liars." Clarence Darrow.

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